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City of Waukesha Cover Sheet

Committee: Transit Commission Meeting	Transit Commission Meeting Date: 5/21/26
ID Number: #26-03639	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable): 2026-12
Department Submitting: Public Works - Transit	Submission Date: 6/2/26
Agenda Item Title: Review and Act on Proposed Service Changes Effective August 24, 2026	

Issue Before the Council:

This item requests review and action on proposed minor service changes to Routes 5, 9, and 15, effective Monday, August 24, 2026. The changes are intended to improve operations and reduce costs. Total city revenue service hours would decrease by 16.5 hours/week, or 2.5%, resulting in approximately \$59,000 in reduced costs. Details and the reasons for the changes are provided below. Approval would also include a resolution modifying Routes 5 and 15. Minor weekday schedule adjustments to Route 3 to accommodate the new STEM Academy schedule would coincide with these proposed changes.

Route 5 Changes

A minor downtown routing change to operate Route 5 inbound north of St. Paul Ave on Madison St. to North St. and North St. into the Transit Center which will be more efficient. In addition, Route 5 5:50 pm trip on Saturdays is proposed for elimination due to low ridership.

Route 9 Changes

Route 9 weekday 7:05 am and 8:15 am trips are proposed for elimination to create greater operational efficiency and reduce costs. This would reduce Route 9 service from every 30 minutes to every hour in the morning rush hour.

Route 15 Changes

Per the request of staff at South High, it is proposed to operate Route 15 around South High (East Ave., Roberta Ave and Tenny Ave) every trip on weekdays instead of the current two trips a day as there is plenty of time to accommodate this request. It is also proposed to eliminate the 6:15 pm weekday trip on Route 15 due to lower ridership.

Options & Alternatives:

One option is to reject all of the proposed changes and leave service the same which would be beneficial to the passengers negatively impacted by the proposed reductions in service, however, none of the benefits to passengers, efficiencies, or cost reductions would be realized. Another option would be to approve some of the changes and reject others. Proposed changes could be rejected or approved independently.

Additional Details:

What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:

People Centered Development & Financial Sustainability

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

People Centered Development- The weekday routing change to Route 15 would better serve South High and was requested by staff.

Financial Sustainability-The net changes would result in an annual reduction of costs of \$59,000.

Financial Remarks:

As stated in the details, the proposed changes would result in approximately \$59,000 in reduced costs on an annual basis.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval.

Reviewed By:

City Attorney Brian Running	Date Reviewed
Finance Director Joseph P. Ciurro	Date Reviewed
City Administrator Anthony W. Brown	Date Reviewed